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Subject: Comments on draft March 4 agenda

The discussion of future meeting topics and frequencies:

I have a couple of concerns about what is being proposed on this draft agenda...and since I won't be present to express them during the meeting, I thought that I would express them this way instead. I want to be clear that I understand that this is VERY DRAFT and that the WG is going to discuss this at length on March 4.

That said, I think the toxicologists (Chris, David, Jane, and others?) need to meet several times between March 4 and June 10, and they certainly need to meet before May 6 (at least to provide any useful input to David for the fruit and vegetable consultation). I think the topics of those meetings, the dates, frequencies, etc. need to be left to that group to define. Once they have defined those things they should provide a schedule to the WG members, who can then decide if they feel additional representation is needed and indicate their interest in participating in some or all of the meetings.

The topics as they are currently expressed on the agenda are still focused exclusively on EPAs activities. The discussion Thursday needs to clarify when and how other agency activities fit into this schedule. sm